



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No. 4 - 2nd October 2015



Dates for your Diary

October 7th at 2.30pm - Coffee afternoon for reception parents

October 8th at 7.30pm - Curriculum information meeting for all Y1 and Y2 parents

October 22nd 1.30-5.00pm - Parent/teacher consultation meetings

October 23rd 9.15-10.00am - Whole school Harvest assembly - one adult per child welcome

October 23rd 3.15pm - Break up for half term

November 2nd 1.30-5.00pm Parent / teacher consultation meetings

School Council

We are delighted to announce that after class votes the following children have been chosen as school council reps by their classmates to represent their classes. Their first meeting will be held in school very shortly.

- 2M - Archie Robinson and Krystal Trinh
- 2W - Orla Leyland and Lucas Vydelingham
- 1S - Oliver Keasley
- 1K - Charlotte Carvell
- RR - Anya O'Donnell
- RL - Sam Griffiths

Open day for prospective children and parents

Wednesday 14th October 2015

We are holding an open day for parents and children due to start school in September 2016.

They will have the chance to look around the school and see all the classes at work. The 2 sessions available are 9.30-10.30am and 2-3pm. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be thinking about school places for September. Thank you.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2M - Oliver Mitchell for super work on doubles and near doubles

2W - Lucas Vydelingum for fabulous recall of facts about William the Conqueror

1S - Ellie-May Tyler for super effort in football

1K - Parvel Pisarski for trying hard with reading and handwriting

Well done everyone!

2016 Calendar

A reminder!

We will be taking the photos on **MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER** so please can you send your child with the following:

January- Hats, scarves and gloves for a very cold  day

February - Red clothing, hearts and flower objects

March- Daffodils/Spring flowers, toy lambs

April - Umbrellas for showers, Easter eggs, Easter rabbits 

May - nothing needed as we will use the Maypole

June- Sports Day including sun hats

July- Tennis rackets and sports clothes for Wimbledon and strawberries 

August - buckets, spades and sun hats for holidays

September - nothing needed as we will use school bags for a start of term theme

October - pumpkins and Halloween props 

November - homemade streamers to look like fireworks

December- anything Christmassy like tinsel, toy snowmen, sledges, mince pies, baubles and Christmas hats

Curriculum Meeting for all Year 1 and year 2 parents

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

— Benjamin Franklin

On **Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm** a session will be held in the school hall to support you when helping your child at home. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Moore and Mrs Burton will run two workshop style sessions on English and Maths as well as explaining the changes in the National Curriculum. We will be explaining the best types of activities to do at home in order for your child to practice the skills taught at school. There will be opportunity to ask specific questions about your child and for you to practice some of the activities and games we are suggesting. Please come along.

Reception Classes

Thank you to all the parents from reception who were able to attend the curriculum meeting held this week, we hope you found it useful.

Tonight, each child will be taking home a free Booktime gift pack issued by Book Trust. They have provided a very special pack for every child aged 4-5 years to share and enjoy with their family and friends. We hope you enjoy them.



Reception parents are invited to join the children in school on **Wednesday 7th October at 2.30pm**. They will be singing a few songs for you and the PTA will be there selling refreshments. This is a nice way to chat with new parents. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.

Harvest Assembly

This will be held on Friday October 23rd at 9.15—10.00am in the school hall as already mentioned in the diary of events. This year we have once again decided to donate food to the Burton YMCA Food Bank. The YMCA have listed the foods they are in need of, these are:

Tinned Goods

Vegetables e.g. potatoes, carrots etc

Soup, Spaghetti, Beans, tinned tomatoes etc

Corned beef, ham, other cold meats, tuna, sardines etc

'Meals' i.e. Stew, curries, chilli con carne, stewing steak, mince beef & onion, casseroles, hot dogs and meatballs etc

Milk puddings, fruit, Custard (or instant packet to be mixed with water) etc

Cereals

Breakfast cereals

Pasta, rice, savoury rice, noodles, pot noodles

Biscuits, cream crackers, savoury biscuits, crisps

Drinks

500 ml (not 1 litre) cartons of UHT milk (not dried milk) – Urgent, regular need for these – we like to put one in every food parcel so need at least 90-110 each month, Small screw top bottles of UHT milk also urgently required for the Rough Sleepers bags

Instant coffee, tea, cuppa-soups etc

If you could spare any of the above items we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the assembly.

We have also decided to issue food baskets to a few needy senior citizens in the village, and as in previous years, we will ask the year 2 children to help.

In addition, because of the current refugee crisis, we will put out a donation basket in the hall where money contributions will be sent to 'Save the Children - Child Refugee Crisis Appeal'. If you are unable to attend on the day, donations may be sent via book bags.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



The whole school enjoyed a visit from the Year 6 children last Friday. They did a super job of reading to our children as part of 'Roald Dahl' day.

Music for toddlers

MelodyBugs Music Classes for children aged 2-4 are held every Tuesday in Barton Village Hall at 11.45am during term time. The first class is free then £5 per class to pay as you go or £4 if a block of classes is purchased. Contact Jo on Jo@melodybugs.com to reserve a place.

Please turn over for PTA NEWS!





PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on Monday. We got through a lot and made some exciting plans for the upcoming events.

Extra 'golden time' will be given to Class 1S for winning the Smartie tube competition. Well done to all the children who participated.

The children's halloween party will be on 23rd October at school from 5pm - 6.30pm. Information about how to buy a ticket will be out soon but if you are able to help at this event please can you send an email to thomasrussellpta@gmail.com or send a text to the new PTA phone on 07596437552. We really do rely on adult help and supervision to enable these events to take place, so please help if you can.

Our wine tasting event is taking place on Friday 13th November, please make sure you get that baby sitter ready! Full details out very soon.

We will be running Christmas Craft sessions again this year so can we ask you to please bring in any spare buttons that you have lying around at home in preparation.

Pre-order forms for the school calendar and Christmas cards are also on their way.

There's lots coming up this term so make sure you check out the PTA notice board outside school so you don't miss anything!

Parent Consultations

All parents should have now received letters in book bags to enable you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. 1K consultations will be lead jointly by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Raw.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton